

**"NATIONAL COUNCIL."**

Many Washington Women to Meet in Conference.

**THE OBJECTS OF THE BIG TALK.**

It Will be the Largest Representative Body of Women Ever Assembled in America or Elsewhere.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, 1891.—[Special correspondence of THE HERALD.]—The first triennial meeting of the National Council of Women of the United States, to be held at Albion's Opera house, Washington, from February 22 to 25 inclusive, will hold during its seven public sessions the attention of the country. It is expected to be the largest representative body of women ever assembled, and the wisdom of its purpose will make it the most important.

We have grown pretty well accustomed during the last quarter of a century to those forms of public action on the part of women which express themselves in the very modern phenomena of women's clubs, unions, societies, conferences, conventions and congresses, but now we come to something farther reaching in its scope and whose significance cannot be ignored. Women working in separate and to some extent non-sympathetic bodies have nevertheless been pushing in much the same ultimate directions. Now begins what promises to be an intelligent and determined endeavor to back by united effort those broad movements which have already gained such headway.



MARY T. LATHROP.

The callers of the Women's National Council suggest, though the plan is as yet in its swaddling clothes, the unification of all local societies of women having harmonious, though not necessarily, or usually, similar objects into local women's councils for each town or city, each council to throw the weight of all its constituent bodies along such lines as the societies may agree upon. It is further suggested that all state societies of women aggregate themselves into state and territorial councils to bring their working forces into greater efficiency, while retaining the organic independence of each body. The crowning feature of the plan is to gather all state societies having the same objects into national societies, which shall be auxiliary to or whose representatives together shall constitute the Women's National Council. To carry out such an undertaking on so large a scale will require time, but it will be seen that the scheme contains the germ of as effective and close-jointed a system of organization as could well be devised. Join locally women working for distinct and well defined national objects working for the same things; bring together in national conference women thus doubly bound to the values of themselves and the things of others, and it is among the possibilities of the future that the power of such associated effort, if realized and put forth with any persistence, may be well nigh irresistible. Women in the east are in a majority in the state; women everywhere are in an overwhelming majority in the church; women federated as a sex can be restrained only by their own judgment, generosity and desires from controlling whenever and wherever they choose.

Already the different organizations of women in Chicago have formed a local council, and similar movements have been inaugurated in Philadelphia, Detroit and Providence. Ohio and Kansas have organized state councils. The women of all the leading cities have joined in a national federation. The women's conferences in New York and other cities are beginning to do on a small scale what the National Council proposes to do on a larger one.



MRS. MAY WRIGHT SEWALL.

The National Council is the outcome of the International Council of Women called at Washington in the spring of 1888 by the National Woman Suffrage Association. That congress was attended by delegates from fifty-three national societies in seven different countries. It drew 300,000 women from all over the world to listen to addresses from nearly 100 of their own and projected two great permanent councils, an international council, with Mrs. Millicent Garrett Fawcett of England, as president, and a national council for the United States, which should receive into membership national associations of women devoted to progressive, educational and philanthropic movements and social reforms.

The National Council as organized chose for its officers Frances E. Willard, of Evanston, Illinois, president; Susan B. Anthony, of Rochester, New York, vice-president; Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, Indiana, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary F. Eastman, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, recording secretary, and Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, of New York, treasurer. Up to date about a dozen of the most important national organizations of women in the country have entered the council, and it is confidently expected that others will enter as soon as time has been allowed for consultation with their widely scattered branches. All societies are given equal representation on the executive board, each having two votes through its president, who becomes a vice-president of the council, and one delegate. Societies pay a uniform triennial fee of \$100. Many organizations, not national, have been invited to send fraternal delegates who will be heard in the debate but have no ballot.

The board of managers has sent out a call for the February meeting to complete the work of federation. This call is signed by Harriet G. Hosmer, Clara Barton, Frances E. Willard, Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods, Susan B. Anthony, Mary G. Kront, Elizabeth Boynton Harbert, Mary F. Seymour, Lucinda H. Stone, Kate Fields, Jennie C. Croly, Jennie June, Mary F. Eastman, Julia Holmes Smith and others equally well known.



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The programme for the public sessions is not yet complete, but already the strongest representatives of many departments of the organized work of women have accepted places on it. The National American Woman Suffrage Association will be represented by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Mrs. May Seymour Howell, of Albany. The National Woman's Temperance Association will send Frances E. Willard and Mrs. M. T. Lathrop, president of the Michigan W. C. T. U. The Women's Centenary Association has appointed as delegates Mrs. M. Louise Thomas and Mrs. Emily L. Sherwood, the well-known writer of the Washington Sunday Herald. Sorosis will be represented by its sweet-faced president, Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, and by Mrs. J. C. Croly (Jennie June); the board of lady managers of the Columbian exposition at Chicago, by Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer. Better known to the world at large as Mrs. Potter Palmer; the Queen Isabella Association, by Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, of Chicago, who has obtained by her medical articles a more than local reputation; the Woman's Press club of New York city, by Miss Mary F. Seymour of the *Business Woman's Journal* (as fraternal delegate). Miss Seymour is also to be the official stenographer of the council. The Women's Press associations, of Boston and San Francisco, will be present by fraternal delegates. The general association of the Working Girls' societies will send representatives. It is not yet decided whether the Collegiate Alumnae will or will not do so.

Addresses will be made on a wide range of topics of interest to women. Among those which can be announced thus early are papers on "The Present Status of Woman in the Church" and "Woman as an Agent in Religious Work," by the Rev. Miss F. Tupper and the Rev. Anna H. Shaw. The Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer will deal with "The Relation of the State to the Unfortunate," Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, with "True Education," Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, with the National Woman's Temperance hospital; Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, with "Woman and State Boards," and Mrs. Anna Nathan Meyer with "A New Phase of Woman's Education in America—Barnard College." Miss Jane M. Bancroft, Ph. D., professor of history in the Wesleyan university at



MRS. ELLA DIETZ CLYMER.

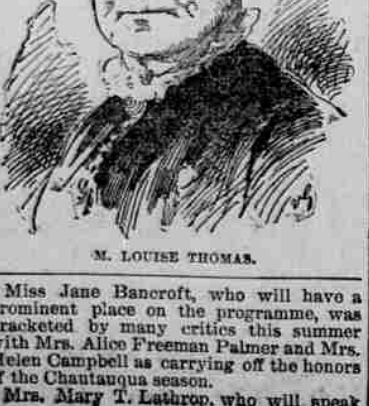
Delaware, Ohio, will speak on an educational topic but of her yet sent in her title. "The Influence of Women in the Future Alliance" and "The Admission of Women to the Medical School of Johns Hopkins University" are subjects to which considerable attention will be directed. In addition to the other topics announced a delegate from each national association represented will discuss the work and the aims of her own organization.

The council is not organized in the interest of any special propaganda. The woman suffrage element is strong in it, but it abjures all power to commit its auxiliaries to any principle or method. Mrs. May Wright Sewall, who is bending all her energies to the success of the February meeting, speaks of it as "The establishment of a triennial parliament of women."

Much of the immediate interest of the council will lie in the women it brings forward. Miss Anthony and Miss Willard have been familiar figures for the better part of a lifetime, but younger blood is not lacking. Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer is the young and beautiful woman who, beginning without money and without influential backing, wrought upon the trustees of Columbia and so rallied the friends of education in the United States to the support of the Barnard college, which she is now about to inaugurate. She is now about to issue a book on "Woman's Work in America," which contains articles on women's doings in the professions and the industries from the pens of the best known American women.

Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods lives in Salem, Massachusetts, and her books are published both in England and America. The Society of Authors in London, of which Tannatt is president, has made her a member. Her poem, "The Working of Grandmother Gray," was one of the holiday successes of last season. She is an active member of the New England Woman's Press Association. Her husband was a favorite with President Lincoln.

Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, who is to speak on co-education, lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was chiefly through her efforts that the university of Michigan opened its doors to women twenty years ago. That institution has recently conferred on her the honorary degree of Ph. D.



M. LOUISE THOMAS.

Miss Jane Bancroft, who will have a prominent place on the programme, was bracketed by many critics this summer with Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer and Mrs. Helen Campbell as carrying off the honors of the Chautauqua season.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, who will speak

for the W. C. T. U., is better known west than east. She lives in Detroit and has devoted her life to temperance and evangelical work. She has held from year to year a local preacher's license from the Methodist Conference, though she has never been ordained, and her sermons are described as practical, persuasive and touched with glints of humor. One of her poems, "The Dead March," is a favorite with elocutionists.

Mrs. Mary Seymour Howell, who with Mrs. Stanton represents the National American Woman Suffrage Association, is known to every man who has sat in the New York state legislature for the last few years. He has had to account to her for his vote for or against the annual woman suffrage bill. Mrs. Howell is tall, dark and slender, given to wearing black relieved by a single glowing rose. She is a most effective speaker, always capturing her audience's good will.

Miss Mary F. Eastman, the council's recording secretary, is one of the most logical speakers in the country. She is identified with the woman suffrage movement. She is a magnificent looking woman with a strong magnetic face and white hair.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall is president of the National Woman's Press Association and conducts with her husband a famous girls' classical school. She edits the educational department of the *Business Woman's Journal*. She has made for herself an enviable name in literary and educational fields.

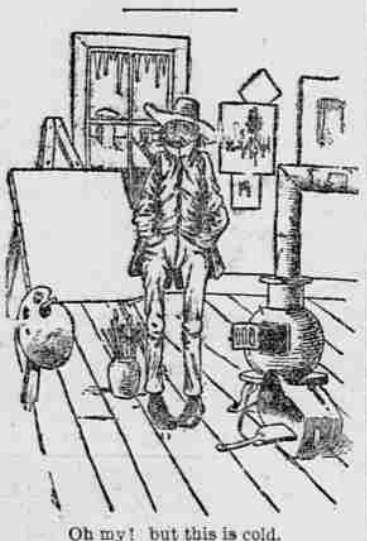


MARY SEYMOUR HOWELL.

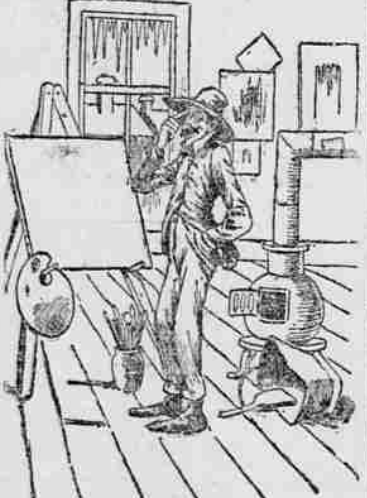
Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, as president of Sorosis, has won for herself a wide circle of admirers. She is a woman of singularly attractive face and marked poetic abilities. During the sessions of the federation of clubs last spring she made a national reputation by her grace and tact as presiding officer.

Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, who wears the diamond badge of an ex-president of Sorosis, is a woman of earnest purpose, broad culture and great executive ability. She has done woman's service in forwarding many progressive movements. She has a strong, kindly face which bears the stamp of thought and character.

It is safe to say that the council will impress itself on the public mind. The single demonstration may amount to little, but it points the way to an organized movement of women which may command its own ultimate results. If ever it gathers itself together for specific effort it may pull down or build up what it will.

**THE TRIUMPHS OF ART.**

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All the winds of earth may blow,  
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Faster than all things heard,  
Hand of harp, or voice of choir,  
Sounds of woods at sundown stirred,  
Welling water's winsome word,  
Wind in warm, warm weather;  
Ones that yet there is, that none  
Hearing ere its chiming bells,  
Knows not well the sweetest ope  
Heard of man beneath the sun  
The cord of heaven's harp;  
Soft and strong, and loud and light,  
Very round and very light,  
Heard from morning's rosiest height,  
Where the soul of all delight  
Fills a child's clear laughter;  
Golden bells of welcome rolled  
Never forth such notes, nor told  
Hours so blithe in tones so bold  
As the radiant mouth of gold.  
Here that rings forth heaven,  
If the golden created were  
Were a nightingale, why, then,  
Something seen and heard of men  
Might be half as sweet as when  
Laughs a child of seven.  
—Algernon Swinburne.

**Fried Oysters by the Foot.**

Pliny mentions that, according to the historians of Alexander's expedition, oysters a foot in diameter were found in the Indian seas, and Sir James E. Tennent, was unexpectedly enabled to corroborate the correctness of this statement, for at Kotter, near Tricomalee, enormous specimens of edible oysters were brought to the rest house. One measured more than eleven inches in length by half as many in width. But this extraordinary measurement is beaten by the oysters of Port Lincoln, in South Australia, which are the largest edible oysters in the world.

They are as large as a dinner plate, and of much the same shape. They are sometimes more than a foot across the shell, and the oyster fits his habitation so well that he does not leave much margin. It is a new sensation when a friend asks you to lunch at Adelaide to have one oyster fried in butter, or eggs and bread crumbs, set before you; but it is a very pleasant experience, for the flavor and delicacy of the Port Lincoln mammoths are proverbial even in that land of luxuries—Oysters and All About Them.

Smoking Affects the Eyesight.  
A smoker may suffer from derangement of the eyesight, consequent upon inflammation of the optic nerves, "tobacco amaurosis," as it is sometimes called. For a long time oculists differed in regard to the existence of such a disease, and I was among the doubters, but I believe I am now no difference of opinion among those who make a specialty of diseases of the eye, and I have for several years been convinced from actual experience of the reality of inflammation of the optic nerves caused by the excessive use of tobacco, several cases of the kind having come under my own immediate observation.

In all of these, as soon as the victims ceased to smoke, the optic nerves began to assume a healthy appearance, the vision to improve, and eventually the sight to be entirely restored. In one case the use of tobacco was resumed, and shortly afterward the vision again began to fail, to be a second time restored on the patient entering upon a course of entire abstinence.—Dr. William A. Hammond in New York Herald.

Some Big Theatrical Receipts.  
Marcus Meyer has given a list of the largest theatrical receipts ever known in this country. The figures are amazing. Mapleson's Opera company, with Patti and Langtry as stars, sang in San Francisco to \$100,000 in eighteen performances, or an average of over \$5,000 a performance. Christine Nilsson sang in San Francisco to \$27,440 in four concerts. Patti, during her first engagement with Mr. Abbey, sang to \$12,350 in one performance at Boston. Mrs. Langtry, in her first season under Abbey, played to \$35,000 in twenty-six weeks. Bernhardt drew \$30,000 in twenty-four weeks. Edwin Booth played to \$20,000 in twenty-eight weeks. Henry Irving played to \$15,000 in twenty-seven weeks.—New York Telegram.

An Effective Signal.  
"It doesn't seem to be generally known," said a railroad telegraph operator yesterday, "that where the block system is in use travelers are protected at night whether the operator in the signal tower stays awake or not. Every lamp signal has three glass slides to it—red, green and white. The red is the outermost, the green next and the white inside that. To allow a train to pass the tower the operator has to pull down the red slide by a cord and hold it down. Directly he lets go the red light goes in position again. He is not allowed to do anything else, so that if the train is asleep or is taken sick the danger signal always bars the way."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Manufacture of Glucose.  
The prejudice against glucose has about worn itself out. As is now generally known, glucose is made from corn, and cannot be hurt by wholesome when well made. The manufacture is entirely confined to the west, and about 1,000,000 pounds a day are turned out. At first it had to be delivered in disguise, and candy makers especially were particular about this. Now the very best candies are made out of glucose, and no secret is made of the fact. There are over twenty glucose factories within twenty-four hours' ride of St. Louis.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

When Is an Actor an Artist?  
It is, in a word, the power of feeling that marks the artist; all else is but the mechanical side which is common to all the arts. There are many born actors who have never faced an audience, as there are many true poets who have never written a verse, and painters who have never taken a palette in hand. To some both of the power of expression as well as of feeling, and they become artists in the sight of the world as the others are in the sight of our semi-divine mistresses, the art universal.—Salvini in Century.

The street car conductors and police use the same kind of whistles in Bay City, Mich., and it creates more fun than a herd of monkeys. Every few hours a whistle will sound, and a copper start on a run in the direction of the sound, only to learn that some conductor has been starting the car. It's fun for the street car folk, but death to the police.

Observations of the Muir Glacier show that the fall of blocks of ice from the end is extremely irregular. Sometimes they come tumbling down at five minute intervals, but there is often an hour's space between two successive blocks. Heavy rains cause more frequent falls.

The French Microscopical society have calculated that there are 625,000,000 parasites to the square inch of smut in corn, a disease of the cereal for which agricultural science has not as yet discovered a remedy.

**PNEUMONIA AND BRONCHITIS CARRY OFF ONE-THIRD OF THE HUMAN RACE.**

It is not generally known that pneumonia and bronchitis carry off one-third of the human race, but such are the facts, and what is more surprising, both of the above diseases result from neglecting a common ordinary cold. A cough should never be neglected. If it is, every time you catch cold you catch harder, and it sticks by you longer. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the best remedy in the world for pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. If you have any throat trouble, call for Ballard's Horehound Syrup and take no other.—10

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